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Company: Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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## Nature Of Opinion

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Docket Number: E-01461A-15-0363

Docket Position: Against

Doug Little, Chairman, Arizona Corporations Commission,

Subject: Trico's proposed Renewable Energy Standards and Electric Solar Policy Changes will have a negative impact on the Public

Can you assist in getting my concerns to the correct people on Trico's recent Solar Tariff change Filing #71462?

The potential impact on the areas Home Solar Energy Production will be devastating in my opinion. New home builders are already removing Solar Packages from their options including prewiring as a result of Trico's proposed actions and the forms they now require all potential Solar Install customers to sign before even starting the solar install process.

I am in the process of having a solar unit installed by Solar Solutions in Tucson and Trico has informed me by letter of the following items copied below for your information:

This is in addition to the following which must be agreed to before Trico will allow the installation to proceed:

## "6. OWNERSHIP OF RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS

Member hereby irrevocably and unconditionally assigns and transfers to Trico any and all RECs derived from the installation and use of the Member System during the Term. The Parties acknowledge and agree that Member has no right, title or interest in or to any RECs resulting from the installation and use of the Member System, whether under this Agreement or otherwise, and, accordingly Member has no right to ... " ...You MUST sign up to participate in the Trico Net Metering Tariff... " (otherwise the installer will not start as Trico will not allow a connection and your system will not work at all) (Trico also says:)

"9) It is strongly recommended that the member, at his/her own cost and expense, acquire liability insurance covering the PV system's generation activities and equipment. It is advised that this policy have a combined single limit coverage for injury or death to any person or persons and damage to any property of not less than \$1,000,000."

As my Trico Electric bill for February is \$111.84 and my SW gas bill in January of \$220.00 and last year's electric bill during summer was approximately \$325.00 I am trying to reduce my overall energy cost and a \$42 Solar Tariff Charge year round would be bad news indeed. Especially coupled with their new lowest rate policy for energy added to the grid which they sell and profit from at the higher rates of peak hours at no

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additional cost to them.

My daughter in California just had a grid connection charge added of \$8.00 a month to her system, why is mine going to be \$42.00 per month?

Trico is an Electric Cooperative, who are they trying to make short term money for? It is at the expense of saving the planet by stopping the reduction of carbon emissions caused by electric power plants and natural gas heaters in homes by thwarting new energy producing home solar units by their actions.

My monthly cost to pay for the Solar System is 83 months at \$224.51 month with Greensky to pay a loan of \$9,590.84 and 144 payments at \$123.75 per month to pay a loan of \$14,958.07 to Service Finance Co. LLC for a total of \$348.26 per month before Trico's new charge and reduced energy carry-over policy. My hopes were to minimize energy cost in 12 years when I am 80 years old living on a very fixed income. With the cost of natural gas going up I would also heat my home with electricity to reduce my overall energy cost and my carbon footprint on the planet.

If Trico's changes are approved, we will have more power lines going in and less home solar units being installed which means more pollution for everyone with potential future energy shortages not to mention rising energy cost in order to live in our homes on fixed incomes. Being retired and living on my SSA of \$1195.00 net and a 25 year military retirement net of \$1,026.82 keeps us on a watchful budget.

Please disapprove or modify Trico's request.

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